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# County of Los Angeles CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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Chief Administrative Officer

September 21, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

## **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO BACKFILL CIVIL JURY FEES RETAINED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$2.0 million from the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget to the Trial Court budget to backfill civil jury fees retained by the Superior Court.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to backfill civil jury fees retained by the Superior Court, which has resulted in a shortfall of \$2.0 million in Los Angeles County general fund revenues.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommendation has no impact on net County cost as it transfers an existing 2003-04 budget appropriation from the PFU budget to the Trial Court budget to offset the retention of civil jury fees by the Superior Court.

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
September 21, 2004  
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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On August 15, 2003, the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) rescinded a jury fee reimbursement policy and the Superior Court responded by retaining \$2.0 million in civil juror fees which, under California Code of Civil Procedure Sections § 631.1, 631.2 (a), and 631.2 (b), the County is authorized to receive as reimbursement for juror fees and mileage costs for jury trials that actually occur.

On January 16, 2004, the Chief Administrative Office filed a claim for damages against the Superior Court for \$2.0 million in retained civil jury fees.

The Board appropriated \$2.0 million in the 2003-04 PFU budget to backfill civil jury fees, pending the resolution of a claim for reimbursement filed by the County.

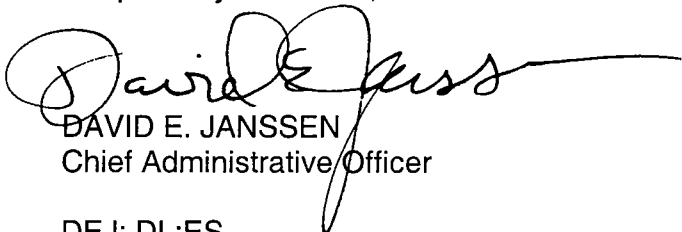
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no impact on current services or projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Board approval of the attached appropriation adjustment is recommended to allow backfill of general fund revenues pending resolution of the claim filed by the County for reimbursement of civil jury fees retained by the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Executive Officer/Clerk, Superior Court

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

DEPT'S NO. 060

Sept. 2004

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

3 - VOTE

Financing Sources

Financing Uses

Provisional Financing Uses - Justice Dept.

Superior Court

Services & Supplies

Revenues

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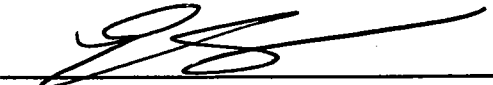
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JUSTIFICATION

This transfer is necessary to backfill civil jury fees due to retention by the Superior Court.



Assistant Administrative Officer

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Asst. Division Chief

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR--

ACTION

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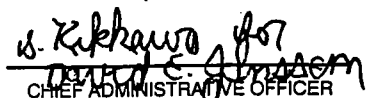
RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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AS REVISED

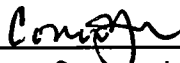
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DAVID C. JOHNSON  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
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AUG 11, 2004

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